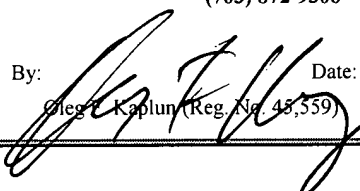


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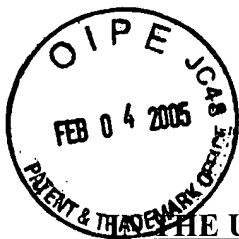
In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2004, transmitted herewith please find a Response for filing in the above-identified application. No fees are believed to required. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the **Deposit Account of Fay Kaplun & Marcin, LLP No. 50-1492** any additional required fees. A copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

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**RESPONSE**

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